



**Future Meetings –
Dental Board and
Dental Assisting Forum**

Jan 21 – DA Forum – Sacramento
February 24-25 – Board - San Diego
May 19-20 – Board - San Francisco
August 11-12 – Board - Sacramento
November 7-8 – Board - LA area

*Always check the Board's website to confirm dates – www.dbc.ca.gov/about_us

**Dental Board Votes
on Dental Assisting
Regulations**

The Dental Board has held two meetings in the last few months to discuss regulations that must be adopted by the Board to implement AB1546, the law that established the new RDAEF duties.

The most recent version of the proposed changes was published in late December, and can be seen at www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/index

EF duties remain relatively unchanged by the proposal, with the exception of clarifying amendments that allow condensation of endo points only by a dentist, and the prohibition of EFs from performing periodontal assessment as part of an oral health exam.



**NEW: Virginia
Dental Assistant II**

Regulations effective in March will allow the new Dental Assistant II in Virginia to perform pulp capping procedures, pack and carve amalgams, place and shape composite restorations, take final impressions, place non-epinephrine retraction cord, and final placement of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist.

For more information, go to www.dhp.virginia.gov/Dentistry/dentistry_laws_regs

**DA Forum Members
Needed to Assist Board**

The Dental Board's Dental Assisting Forum has two vacancies for RDAs or RDAEFs. Go to: www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/rda/forum

**Alaska Dental Health
Aide Therapist care found
to be safe and competent**

A two-year evaluation of the DHATs in five Alaskan communities found their care to be safe and competent. Released in October, 2010, the study was funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Bethel Community Services Foundation.

www.wkkf.org/news/Articles/2010/10/Encouraging-Response.aspx

Weeks later, the Kellogg Foundation announced it will invest more than \$16 million by 2014 to support efforts in five states (Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio, Vermont, and Washington) to pursue a similar model.

www.wkkf.org/news/Articles/2010/11/WK-Kellogg-Foundation-Supports-Community-Led-Efforts.aspx



**Board-Approved
RDAEF
Programs**

J Productions (No. California)
Web: www.rdakits.com
Email: rdaef4you@sbcglobal.net

EFDAA (So. California)
Web: www.efdaaservices.com
Email: efdaa4u@earthlink.net

FREE CE - Licensees must complete mandatory 2-hour CE courses in both Infection Control and the California Dental Practice Act every two years. One of these courses is provided **free** to EFDAAA members.

EFDAAA - The Expanded Functions Dental Assistants Association is a professional organization for Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEFs) in California. EFDAAA supports and promotes the advancement of "expanded functions" for all dental assistants. Visit EFDAAA's website at www.efdaaservices.com or email efdaa4u@earthlink.net